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## **CLAIMS**

- 1. A rinse off hair treatment composition comprising:
  - i) from 0.4 wt% to 19.5wt% of a salt selected from the group consisting of alkali metal sulphate, ammonium sulphate, alkali metal thiocyanate, ammonium thiocyanate or mixtures thereof; and in which the composition has a pH from 3 to 9.5 at 25°C
- 2. A rinse off hair treatment composition according to claim 1 further comprising 1 wt% of a surfactant.
- 3. A rinse off hair treatment composition according to claim 2 in which the surfactant is an anionic surfactant.
- 4. A rinse off hair treatment composition according to any preceding claim in which the salt is a sodium salt.
- 5. A rinse off hair treatment composition according to claim 4 in which the sodium salt comprises sodium sulphate.
- 6. A rinse off hair treatment composition according to any preceding claim which further comprises an alkali metal salt or ammonium tartrate salt.
- A rinse off hair treatment composition according to any preceding claim comprising two salts.

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- 8. A rinse off hair treatment composition according to claim 7 which comprises two salts from the group consisting of:
  sodium sulphate and sodium thiocyanate,
  sodium sulphate and sodium tartrate,
  sodium thiocyanate and sodium tartrate
- 9. A rinse off hair treatment composition according to any preceding claim which comprises of a combination of sodium sulphate and sodium tartrate.
- 10. A rinse off hair treatment composition according to any preceding claim which is substantially free of sodium chloride.
- 11. A rinse off hair treatment composition according to any preceding claim which comprises an aqueous base.
- 12. Use of alkali metal sulphate, ammonium sulphate, alkali metal thiocyanate, ammonium thiocyanate, alkali metal tartrate or ammonium tartrate or mixtures thereof for straightening hair.
- 13. Use of alkali metal sulphate, ammonium sulphate, alkali metal thiocyanate, ammonium thiocyanate, alkali metal tartrate or ammonium tartrate or mixtures thereof for lengthening hair.

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- 14. A method of lengthening and/or straightening hair by applying to the hair a composition comprising a salt selected from the group consisting of alkali metal sulphate, ammonium sulphate, alkali metal thiocyanate, ammonium thiocyanate, alkali metal tartrate or ammonium tartrate and mixtures thereof.
- 15. A method of lowering the volume and/or re-aligning the hair by applying to the hair a composition comprising a salt selected from the group consisting of alkali metal sulphate, ammonium sulphate, alkali metal thiocyanate, ammonium thiocyanate, alkali metal tartrate or ammonium tartrate and mixtures thereof.